

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Economic Report of the President dated February 2006 with the Annual Report of the Council of Economic Advisers for 2006; which was referred to the Joint Economic Committee. (PM-39). **Pages S1127-28**

**Appointments:**

**National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 109-59, appointed the following individuals to serve as members of the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission: Paul Weyrich of Virginia, and Patrick E. Quinn of Tennessee. **Page S1133**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

James Lambright, of Missouri, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2009.

Dennis R. Spurgeon, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy).

Robert Irwin Cusick, Jr., of Kentucky, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics for a term of five years.

Donald J. DeGabrielle, Jr., of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas for the term of four years. **Page S1133**

**Measures Placed on Calendar:** **Pages S1128, S1133**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—15). **Page S1121**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 9:58 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, February 14, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1133.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### HURRICANE KATRINA

**Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:** Committee held a hearing to examine Hurricane Katrina response issues, focusing on waste, fraud, and abuse during the disaster, expedited assistance for victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and oversight of sheltering initiatives, receiving testimony from Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, and John J. Ryan, Special Agent, both of Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, Government Accountability Office; Richard L. Skinner, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; and Alice S. Fisher, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, and Chairman, Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force, Department of Justice.

Committee will meet again on Tuesday, February 14.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2006.

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 62)

S. 1932, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 202(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006 (H. Con. Res. 95). Signed on February 8, 2006. (Public Law 109-171)